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AND CERAMICS OR GLASSES AND METHOD TO

MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of November 25, 2002, for which Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on May 27, 2003, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time extending the period of response up to and including August 27, 2003. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants submit the following amendments for entry and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. The Office is authorized to charge Kenyon and Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the fees for the extension of time and for the Request for Continued Examination.